# Steps to a Healthier U.S. Workforce:

Integrating Occupational Health and Safety and Worksite Health Promotion:

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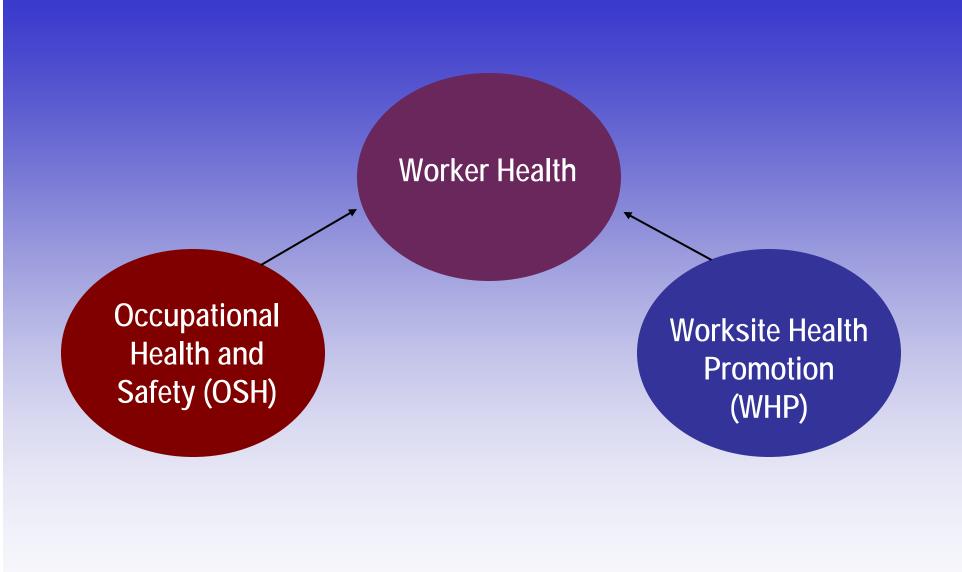
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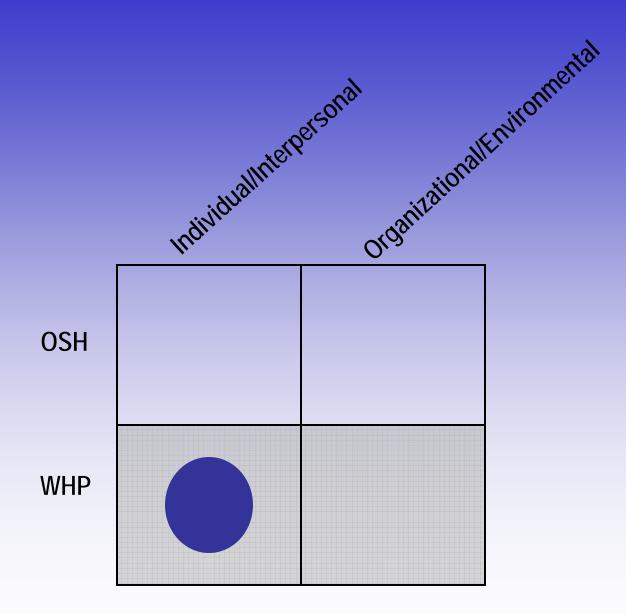
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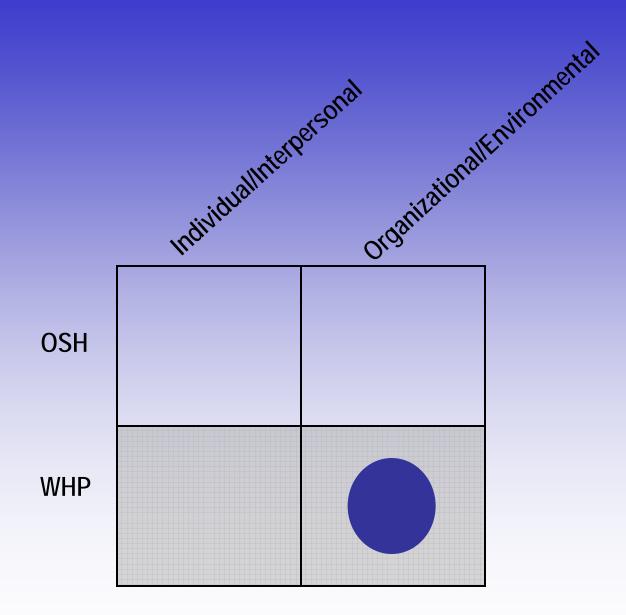


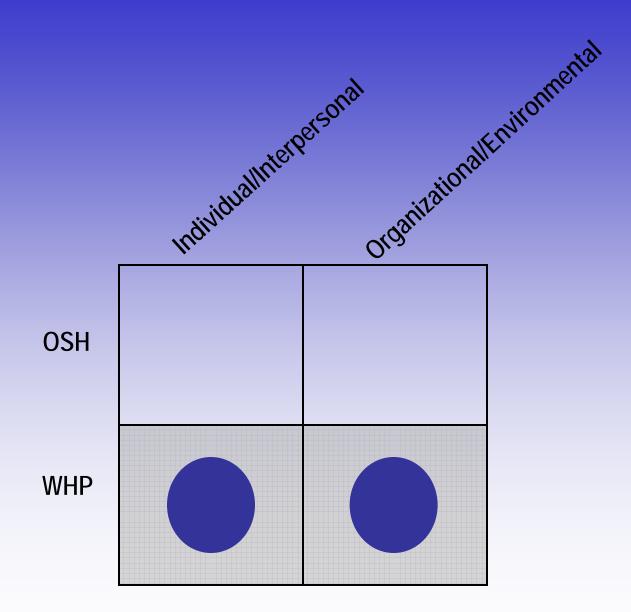
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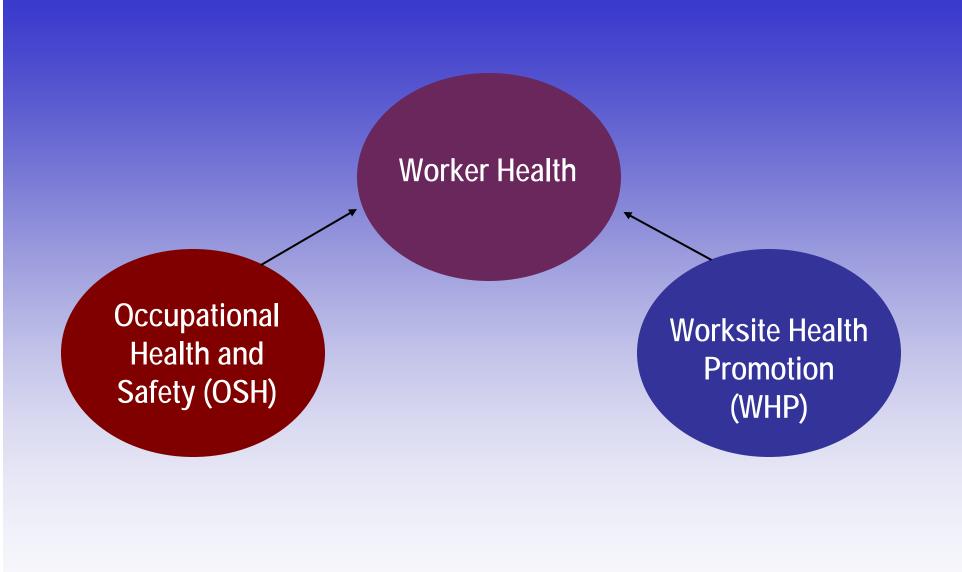
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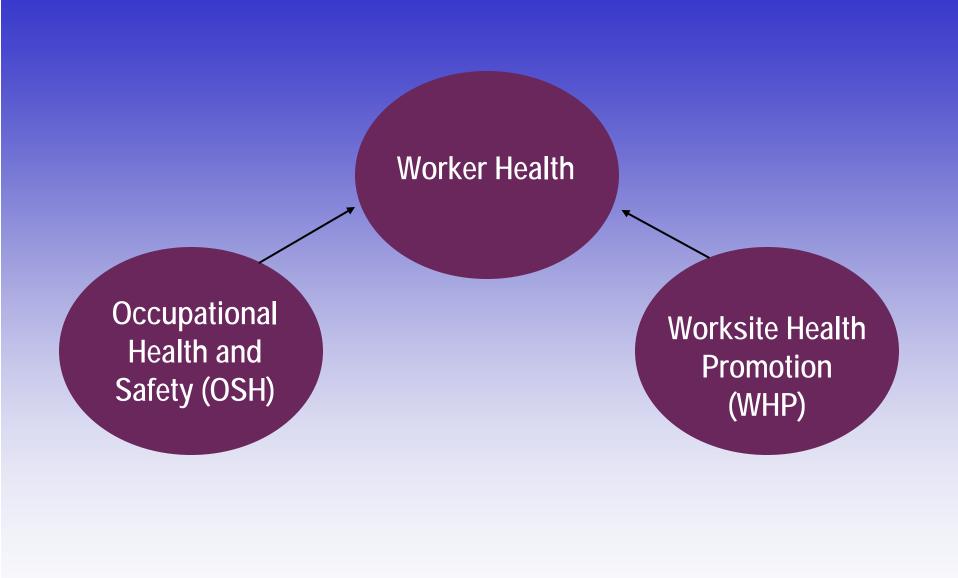
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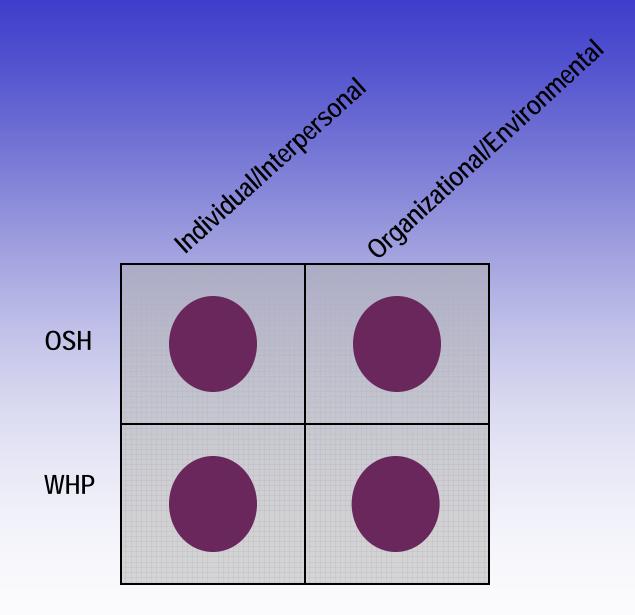


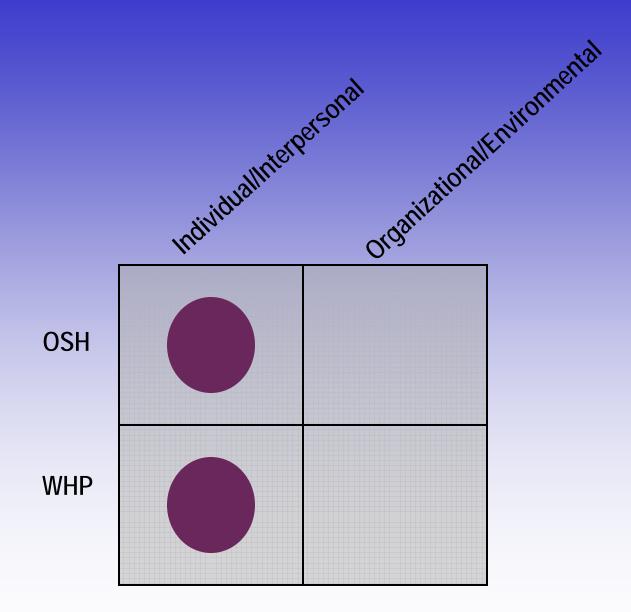


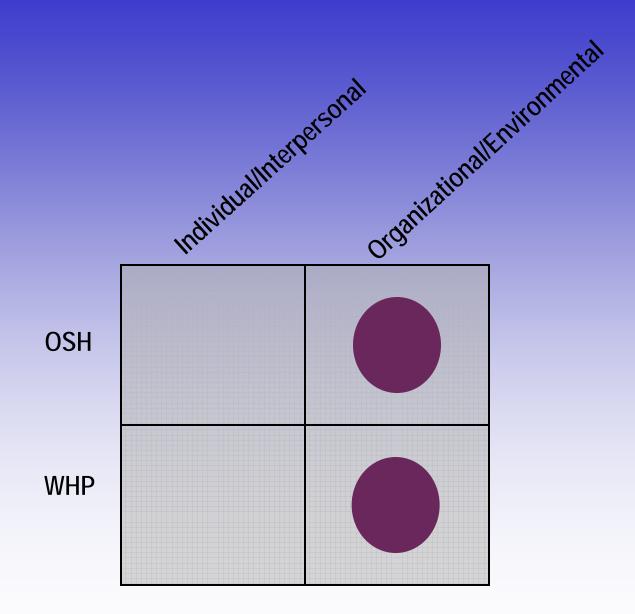












### Why integrate OSH and WHP?

- 1. Additive and synergistic relationships to disease risk
- 2. Overlapping risks for high risk workers
- 3. Program impact on participation and effectiveness
- 4. Broader benefits for work organization

#### Research Foundations

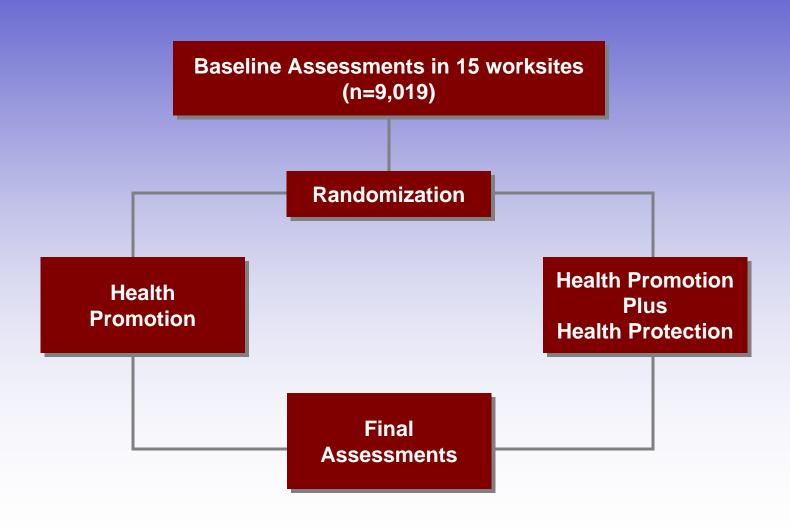
- Research traditions in:
  - Occupational Health and Safety
  - Worksite Health Promotion
- Emerging research testing integrated interventions

# Case Example: WellWorks-2 Study

### WellWorks-2: Study hypothesis

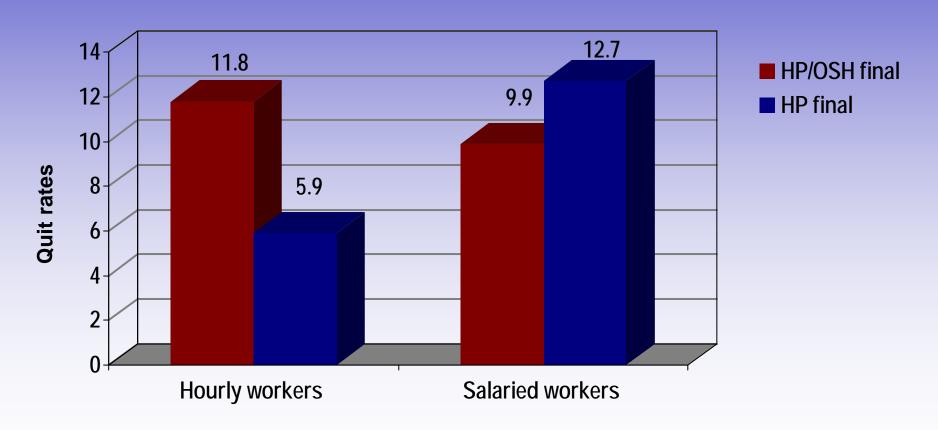
The integration of health protection with health promotion will enhance the impact on behavior change over and above health promotion alone.

### WellWorks-2: Study design



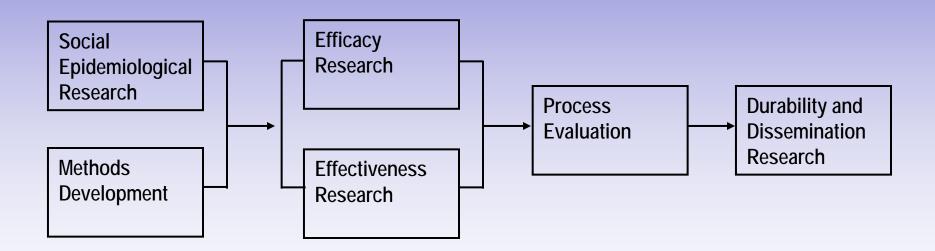
# Adjusted 6-month quit rates at final by intervention and job type

(cohort of smokers at baseline: n=880)



Sorensen et al, Cancer Causes and Control, 2002

## Framework for research on integrating OSH and WHP



#### Conclusions

- Promising evidence that integrated OSH/WHP interventions improve risk related behaviors and stimulate improvements in OSH
- Growing need to address disparities in worker health
- Need for full range of research to build capacity for effective integration of OSH and WHP
- Need for expanded multi-disciplinary collaborations to foster a new generation of research to improve worker health
- Research funding and grant review mechanisms must cut across disciplinary and disease boundaries